

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 41**

**DATE: FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2010**

The Members' Information Service produced in the Customer, Community & Democratic Services Unit by Joanne Wildsmith has been prepared in three parts -

Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members, subject to Councillors' right to have the matter called in for scrutiny.

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers which they would like to implement subject to Councillors' right to have the matter referred to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee; and

Part 3 - Items of general information and news.

## **Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet**

**The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet Members), and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Panels Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. The call-in request must be made to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on the date shown in the item.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report on the Council's web site at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p><b>Cabinet Decision Meeting – 11 October</b></p> <p>At this meeting the Cabinet took the following decisions:-</p> <p><b>PUSH Business Plan</b></p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the Cabinet approved the PUSH Business Plan 2010-12 and supporting theme action plans; and</li> <li>(2) Request PUSH to remove reference to programmes no longer proceeding such as Building Schools for the Future</li> <li>(3) That it be delegated to the Chief Executive to agree the final wording of the Business Plan to correct typographical errors within the draft copy.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reorganisation of Education, Children &amp; Young People Services</b></p> <p>DECISIONS: The Cabinet approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the proposed Reorganisation of Education, Children and Young People Services as set out in the report;</li> <li>(2) A reduction of 5 senior management posts in the Directorate as a contribution to protecting front-line services.</li> </ol> <p>(A separate report regarding the funding for this was taken to Council on 12 October.)</p> <p><b>Somerstown Phase 2 PFI Outline Business Case</b></p> <p>The recommendations for this report were referred to Council on 12 October for approval and therefore are not subject to call-in.</p> <p><b>Commercial Port Dredging</b></p> <p>The recommendations for this report were referred to Council on 12 October for approval and therefore are not subject to call-in.</p> <p><b>NB: Call-in date – Wednesday 20 October</b></p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith</b>  <b>Customer, Community &amp; Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>

## **Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation**

The following proposals have been brought forward. The Managers indicated will exercise their powers to approve the proposal unless a Councillor requests the item be referred for decision to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee. **Your request must be made to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 22 October 2010 .**  
**An email or handwritten letter will suffice.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the Officer indicated.

### **PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION**

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	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Nelson Hilsea Copnor</b>	<p><b>London Road, North End Weight Restriction</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> to advertise a traffic regulation order to introduce a 7.5 tonne weight restriction, except for loading/unloading, in London Road, Northern Parade, Stamshaw Road, Twyford Avenue and surrounding roads.</p> <p>Following a feasibility study undertaken by the Transport and Street Management Service to improve pedestrian safety, prevent further disturbance to building structures along London Road, North End and to improve air quality within the city of Portsmouth, it is proposed to introduce a 7.5 tonne weight restriction to the areas including and surrounding London Road, North End and Northern Parade/Stamshaw Road and Twyford Avenue.</p> <p>The proposed scheme is shown on drawing number: MON/AP/1148/3/10TRO38. A copy has been placed in the Members room. To obtain further copies, please contact Sam Francis on 02392 841333, email: sam.francis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or Margaret O'Neill on 02392 834971, email: margaret.O'Neill@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.</p>	<p><b>Sam Francis</b>  <b>Transport &amp; Street</b>  <b>Management</b>  <b>Tel: 9284 1333</b></p>

### **PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES**

	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>3</b>		<p><b>Caen Foundation Grant – Portsmouth Grammar Junior School</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> that a grant of £540 be approved, as outlined below.</p> <p>An application for a grant from the Caen Foundation has been received from Portsmouth Grammar Junior School to visit France including Caen, taking place on 23 to 27 May 2011. A party of 84 children and 10 adults. Subject to all the terms of the foundation, a grant of £540 is supported by the Cabinet Member for Resources.</p>	<p><b>Peter Smith-Parkyn</b>  <b>Customer, Community</b>  <b>&amp; Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 8361</b></p>

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4		<p><b>Replacement Boiler Works at City Boys School</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> to allocate £30,000 of Approved Education Capital Contingency to boiler replacement scheme at City Boys School.</p> <p>In MIS dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 approval was granted for £65,000 to be reallocated to City of Portsmouth Boys School for the replacement of 2 boilers. Approval is now sought for a further £30,000 from the approved contingency of £225,000 to complete this work. This is due to further works identified:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the removal of asbestos to enable safe installation of new boilers</li> <li>• employing a method of working that ensures the school maintains a heat supply throughout the work</li> <li>• additional safety measures</li> <li>• measures to promote the longevity of the heating system.</li> </ul> <p>The school will contribute £13,000 from its capital.</p> <p><b>NB: Call-in date – Friday 22 October</b></p>	<p><b>Christine Matchett</b>  <b>School Services</b>  <b>Officer</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 8663</b></p>

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The Head of Planning Services will exercise his powers to determine the following applications in accordance with the proposed decision for each application unless a Councillor requests the application be referred for decision to Committee.

Your request should be made to the **Head of Planning Services** by telephoning **Julie Watson** (☎023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Friday 22 October 2010**. You can also make contact by letter or by e-mail to - [planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) - If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Case Officer Proposed Decision
5	10/00842/FUL  Baffins	<p><b>2 Lindisfarne Court Hayling Avenue Portsmouth</b></p> <p>Installation of new windows to side and patio doors to rear</p>	<p>One letter of representation has been received raising objection on the following grounds: a) it is strange that the landlord would implement the proposed works for only one tenant; b) the grounds around the block of flats are communal, however, the resident of Flat 2 appears to have been given an enclosed private space, the communal gardens have been neglected; and, c) there is sound transmission through walls and ceiling and less than adequate insulation.</p> <p>The grounds for objection do not relate to the proposed alterations to the external appearance of the building. One additional window, one window changed to patio doors and alterations to the style of another window (within an existing aperture) are considered to be appropriately designed and to relate to the appearance of 'Lindisfarne Court'. These alterations are not considered to have any significant impact on the amenity of adjoining or surrounding occupiers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jonathan McDermott</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>

## Part 3 - Information and News Items

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	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
6		<p><b>Planning Committee – 13 October 2010</b></p> <p>The following decisions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Breach of Planning Control, Belle Isle Restaurant, Osborne Road, Southsea</b> – the committee agreed to issue a Planning Enforcement Notice to secure remediation of the apparent breach of planning control, unless discussions succeed in reaching a compromise during the course of October and November.</li> <li>• Planning Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10/00815/FUL – <b>Highway adjacent Heatherley Court, Livingstone Road, Southsea</b> – the installation of equipment cabinet with 4m high venting pipe stack was deferred to enable the Head of Planning Services to enter discussions with the applicant with regards to the design, colour and height of the venting pipe.</li> <li>○ 10/00414/FUL – <b>Public House, 1 Kent Road, Southsea</b> – the construction of two dwellings (after demolition of existing outbuilding) and external alterations to existing front elevation of ground floor of Class A4 premises facing Kent Road was granted conditional permission, subject to the conditions outlined within the Head of Planning Services report.</li> <li>○ 10/00521/PLAREG – <b>37 Castle Road, Southsea</b> – the change of use from guest house (Class C1) to house in multiple occupation (more than 6 persons) was granted conditional permission subject to the conditions outlined within the Head of Planning Services report.</li> <li>○ 10/00826/FUL – <b>Public House, 70 Twyford Avenue, Portsmouth</b> – Alterations &amp; conversion of existing building to form four houses and construction of two-storey building to form one house, with parking &amp; refuse/cycle storage was granted conditional permission subject to the conditions outlined within the Head of Planning Services report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community &amp; Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>
7		<p><b>Licensing Sub Committee – 13 October 2010</b></p> <p>The committee considered the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the grant of a premises licence – <b>Copnor Grill, 18 Tangier Road, Portsmouth, PO3 6JL</b></li> </ul> <p>The committee decided to refuse the application.</p>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community &amp; Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>

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8		<p><b>Licensing Policy Committee – 13 October 2010</b></p> <p>The committee made the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Review of Licensing Fees</b> – the committee approved the proposed table of licensing fees and agreed that they be implemented with immediate effect, except for 'Sex Establishment Licences' which was deferred for further information, until the next meeting. The City Solicitor was also given delegated authority to advertise (where appropriate) such fees and charges that are subject to any formal public statutory consultation.</li> <li>• <b>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Proposed Variation of Hackney Carriage Table of Fares</b> – the committee approved the publication of the proposed variations to the table of fares and authorised the Licensing Manager to give public notice of the variations pursuant to section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Subject to no objections being received, the varied table of fares shall come into operation on Monday 15 November 2010. The Licensing Manager was authorised to amend the standard terms and conditions relating to private hire and hackney carriage vehicles so as to require the display of a notice on the licensed vehicle advising that additional charges will apply when payment is made by way of credit/debit card payment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>
9		<p><b>Economic Development, Culture &amp; Leisure Scrutiny Panel - Monday 18 October</b></p> <p>The Panel will meet at 3 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall to continue their review into "<b>Expenditure on properties under the culture portfolio</b> (incorporating identifying locations for visiting exhibitions)".</p>	<p><b>Anna Martyn</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8360</b></p>
10		<p><b>The Housing &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel - Tuesday 19 October 2010</b></p> <p>The Panel will meet at 10 am in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall to sign off the review into "<b>Allocation of housing</b> to include the city council's under-occupation policy and mental health housing provision".</p>	<p><b>Anna Martyn</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8360</b></p>

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11		<p><b>The Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel – Tuesday 19 October</b></p> <p>The Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel will meet on Tuesday 19 October 2010 at 2 pm in the Executive Meeting Room to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• receive an update on the review into alcohol related hospital admissions</li> <li>• receive a presentation on the temporary relocation of the Rembrandt Unit from the St Mary's site to the St James' Hospital site</li> <li>• receive a presentation on the proposed relocation of the children's local community outpatient clinics, midwifery and orthoptic clinics and the children's community team base from the Northern Parade Clinic to the Battenburg Clinic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jane Di Dino</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4060</b></p>
12		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Resources – Decision Meeting – Thursday 21 October</b></p> <p>The next Cabinet Member for Resources Decision Meeting will take place on Thursday 21 October at 8.45am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, Guildhall, Portsmouth and will consider the following items:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget Outturn 2009/10 – Revenue Cash Limits and Capital Programme</b></li> <li>• <b>Portsmouth Partnership Improvement Plan Voluntary and Community Sector</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Vicki Plytas</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4058</b></p>
13		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education – Cancellation of November Meeting</b></p> <p>The Decision Meeting scheduled for Friday, 5 November has been cancelled. The next scheduled decision meeting of the Cabinet Member for Education will be on Friday, 5 January 2011 at 2:00pm in the Executive Meeting Room.</p>	<p><b>Teresa Deasy</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4056</b></p>
14		<p><b>Kids in Care as Young Blues – Release of Funds from Contingency 2010/11</b></p> <p>It is proposed that all children in care be offered the chance to become a Young Blue. This would entitle them to receive a birthday card from the Portsmouth Football Club, a free scarf, a regular newsletter, and the chance to be mascot on match days. It is estimated that this would cost up to £1,000 in the current year.</p> <p>Following consultation with the Leader of the City Council, the Strategic Director and Section 151 Officer reports that, under his delegated powers, he has approved funding of £1,000 from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2010/11 for the scheme.</p>	<p><b>Valerie Lane</b>  <b>Head of Financial</b>  <b>Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4447</b></p>

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15		<p><b>Marina Cafe Redevelopment – Release of Funds from Contingency 2010/11</b></p> <p>The proposed redevelopment of the site formerly known as the Marina Cafe on the seafront will now not proceed. Under the terms agreed in March 2008, the City Council is therefore liable to meet the costs of demolition and making good of the site amounting to £36,416.</p> <p>Following consultation with the Leader of the City Council, the Strategic Director and Section 151 Officer reports that, under his delegated powers, he has approved funding of £36,416 from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2010/11 to meet the costs of demolition.</p>	<p><b>Valerie Lane</b>  <b>Head of Financial Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4447</b></p>
16		<p><b>Personal Canvassing for Electoral Register – Release of Funds from Contingency 2010/11</b></p> <p>The Electoral Commission has advised the Electoral Registration Officer to take all necessary steps in undertaking this year's Annual Canvass, including making house to house enquiries (100% personal canvassing). The Commission wants the register to be as complete and accurate as possible as the version published on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 at the end of this canvass will be the one used for the proposed parliamentary boundary reviews related to the reduction in the total number of MPs, should the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill be enacted in its current form.</p> <p>The 64 canvassers currently recruited and trained, will allow approximately 18,000 properties to be visited. Up to a further 40 canvassers are required to visit the remaining 13,000 properties which are not currently being targeted for a personal visit (this is likely to reduce to around 11000 by the time the canvassers start their visits on 20 October). It is estimated that the additional cost of this exercise will be £12,000 for which there is no budget provision.</p> <p>Following consultation with the Leader of the City Council, the Strategic Director and Section 151 Officer reports that, under his delegated powers, he has approved funding of £12,000 from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2010/11 to enable the full personal canvass to be undertaken.</p>	<p><b>Valerie Lane</b>  <b>Head of Financial Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4447</b></p>
17		<p><b>Operation Frankton Memorial Project</b></p> <p>The Leader has received a letter from their Chairman, Mr Cavan, thanking the City Council for the donation of £500, he writes</p> <p>"It is very special in as much that it comes from the City not only where the Royal Marines have been based at Eastney since 1755 when the Portsmouth Division was formally established, and where Operation Frankton all began, at Lumps Fort. I will keep you informed about the Inauguration ... we have a provisional date of 31 March 2011."</p>	<p><b>Members Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4172</b></p>

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18		<p><b>Jobs Now – Event 8<sup>th</sup> October – Information, Advice &amp; Guidance Centre (IAG) Centre Arundel Street</b></p> <p>The event was resounding success we had 598 people attend between 10 am and 3pm. 1,257 enquires to employers, employment and education services were made and 487 job applications to employers were made on the day .</p> <p>This has proved a real need for an employment and education provision in the city with a wide range of support and services available, so we will aim to hold this type of event regularly throughout the year at the IAG Centre .</p>	<p><b>Julie Paffett</b>  <b>Department for</b>  <b>Regeneration &amp;</b>  <b>Business</b>  <b>Tel: 07852 442968</b></p>
19		<p><b>Annual Report 2009/10</b></p> <p>The City Council's Annual Report 2009/10 has now been published on the website. The report provides the statutory accounts of the City Council and gives financial statements that compare actual expenditure with spending in the previous year and also with original estimates. There is an explanatory foreword which provides a commentary on the overall financial position of the Council and a guide to the most significant matters reported in the accounts to assist in their interpretation.</p> <p>A copy will be sent to public libraries. Any member of the Council who requires a paper copy is asked to contact Karen Martin in Democratic &amp; Community Engagement.</p> <p>The report can be found at <a href="http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/1585.html">http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/1585.html</a></p>	<p><b>Karen Martin</b>  <b>Customer,</b>  <b>Community &amp;</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4052</b></p>
20		<p><b>240 Fratton Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 5HH – Planning Appeal</b>  <b>Ref No: 10/00444/FUL</b>  <b>Date Lodged: 14 September 2010</b></p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal for the construction of two storey rear extension at first and second floor level to form two flats (Re-submission of 10/00226/FUL)</p> <p>This appeal is to be dealt with by the written representations procedure.</p>	<p><b>Jonathan McDermott</b>  <b>Planning Service</b>  <b>Tel: 9284 1470</b></p>

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21		<p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 11 October 2010</b></p> <p>Each week the LGA sends 'LG alerts' information sheets to member authorities. The full text of all LG alerts are available to local authorities on LGAnet – the Local Government Association internet service at <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">http://www.lga.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY WELLBEING</b>  <b>LG Group submission to government health white paper</b>  The message from the Local Government Group in its submission on the Government's Health White Paper is councils are ideally placed to take the pressure off GPs in the Coalition's health care shake-up by ensuring vulnerable children, dementia sufferers, people with learning difficulties and the homeless get the services they need. You can read our response on the website here <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageld=14115657">http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageld=14115657</a>  <b>LG Group Alert Reference:</b> 119/10</p> <p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP EVENTS</b>  <b>Local Government Group national conference</b>  The Local Government Group and the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships are jointly organising a national conference on place based productivity that will take place on Friday 3 December 2010 at Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ. The conference is aimed at elected members and senior local authority representatives and will showcase the work of the nine workstreams within the place based productivity programme.  <b>LG Group Alert Reference:</b> 120/10</p>	<p><b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:info@lga.gov.uk">info@lga.gov.uk</a>  <b>Tel: 020 7664 3131</b>  <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a></p>